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BLUES CRY FOUL OVER NEWEST LEGAL CHALLENGE

Suit says team was trying to get out of payments

BY MIKE FAULK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

New allegations in court against the Blues hockey team owners say they received a much greater benefit than St. Louis aldermen realized when $64 million in public financing was approved for Scottrade Center in February.

Plaintiffs, in a court filing Friday, say the Blues quietly made a deal with a city official to get out of payments in lieu of taxes starting next year, while Blues representatives say current city ordinances show the allegation is false. The payments would have been assessed on interest in the Blues' lease, not the assessed value of Scottrade Center itself.

Alderman Cara Spencer, a plaintiff along with two others in St. Louis Circuit Court, alleges the future payments were scrapped clandestinely in negotiations between team owners and St. Louis Development Corp. Director Otis Williams. The Blues say that they merely removed

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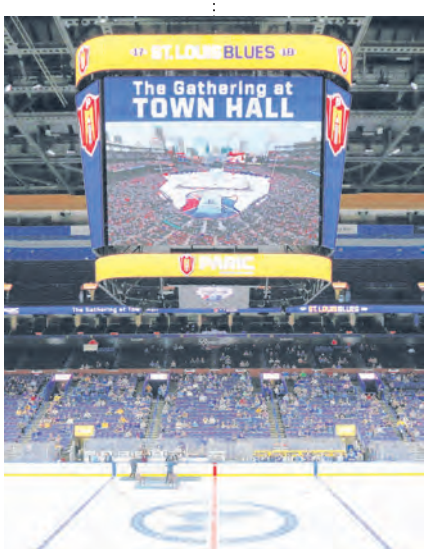

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The centerpiece of offseason renovations at Scottrade Center is the new scoreboard over center ice.

DEVELOPERS PICK NEW HOME FOR RINK COMPLEX

Ice rinks would still be in Maryland Heights

BY JEREMY KOHLER AND JACOB BARKER
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A nonprofit group that had been trying to develop an ice rink complex at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park announced Friday that it now had its sights set on a different location in Maryland Heights.

The project has the backing of St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger, and the city of Maryland Heights has pledged financial support for construction.

The move comes after the National Park Service blocked construction of the project at Creve Coeur Lake Park.

Maryland Heights has one of the largest pieces of undeveloped land in St. Louis County. Known as the Maryland Park Lake District, the 1,800-acre area was targeted for development almost two years ago by a company affiliated with Los Angeles Rams owner Stan Kroenke.

However, plans for that development fell apart as Maryland Heights officials realized

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David Ellis, who served in the Army in Vietnam in 1967-72, stands Friday with his grandson Noah Ellis, a first-grader at Prairie View Elementary School in Dardenne Prairie. Ellis and others were honored at the school's Veterans Day assembly.

Wentzville Vietnam War Memorial turns 50

BY ERIN HEFFERNAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Most people who attended the dedication of the first Wentzville Vietnam War Memorial 50 years ago remember two things.

First: the cold. Some say an honor guard stood at attention in the freezing rain with icicles hanging off their noses. One attendee remembers her glasses splitting in half with the cold.

Second, and more importantly, they remember the history made that day.

The memorial was dedicated in December 1967, and to this day city leaders claim it was the first Vietnam War memorial of its kind in the United States.

It was made at a time when the Vietnam War was unpopular and returning soldiers saw little fanfare.

Still, Wentzville, with a

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CITY OF WENTZVILLE

Improvements to the Wentzville Vietnam War Memorial were unveiled in May.

GOP fears election risk as Moore continues denials

BY MICHAEL SCHERER AND DAVID WEIGEL
Washington Post

Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore declined Friday to rule out that he may have dated girls in their late teens when he was in his 30s, though he said he did not remember any such encounters and described such behavior as inappropriate.

Moore

"If I did, I'm not going to dispute these things, but I don't remember anything like that," Moore, 70, said on talk-show host Sean Hannity's syndicated radio program, when asked whether he had dated 17- or 18-year-old girls at the time.

In the same interview, Moore denied outright the claim of Leigh Corfman that he had initi-

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Louis C.K. admits accusations 'are true'

BY MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK • With his career imploding over allegations of sexual misconduct, comedian Louis C.K. confessed Friday to masturbating in front of women and expressed remorse for wielding his influence "irresponsibly."

Louis C.K.

The comedian said in a statement that the harassment claims by five women detailed in a New York Times report published Thursday "are true."

"I can hardly wrap my head around the scope of hurt I brought on them," he said.

"There is nothing about this that I forgive

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